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REMARKS

Rejection For Failure To Comply With 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

The application has been rejected for failing to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821. Specifically, the Office Action states that the application references sequences by the identifier Oligo(s) rather than the proper identifier SEQ ID NO (citing page 30, line 5 as an example).

Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants direct the Examiners attention to the Amendment filed electronically with the USPTO on August 29, 2006, in which the relevant sequence identifiers were entered into the specification. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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